

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Leona Kathryn Kirsten Nelson was born on September 7, 1909, at the family home in Mission Hill, South Dakota, to Christopher and Clara Nelson; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Leona married Howard Olofson on August 9, 1934, and to that union two daughters were born, Marilyn and Linda, and their lives were further blessed by eight grandchildren, twelve great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Leona attended Nettleton Business College for 2 years and worked as a law secretary and for the Yankton superintendent of schools until her retirement in 1974; and,

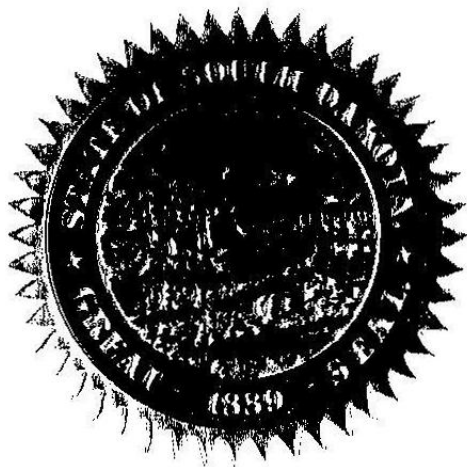
Whereas, Leona served as a 4-H leader for more than 25 years and was an active member of her home extension club for more than 50 years – she is an inspiration to her friends, family, and community; and,

Whereas, Leona will observe her 100th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her family and friends gather to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

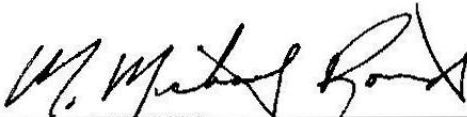
Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 7, 2009, as

LEONA OLOFSON DAY


in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Second Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State